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Dear Mr. Diefendorf:

This is in response to your letter received 18 January 2006 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 10/537,812 filed 07 June 2005. The application has been processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and a Notification of Acceptance of Application (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) was mailed to applicant on 28 April 2006. A copy of such Notification is attached herewith for applicant's convenience.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

- Copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/903



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**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495**

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

<u>06/07/2005</u>	<u>04/27/2006</u>
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/07/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 06/07/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/07/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/07/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 06/07/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/07/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/07/2005
- Substitute Specification filed on 06/07/2005
- Assignment filed on 06/07/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 06/07/2005

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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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